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For Sunday, March 9, 1913

From 12.30 to 2.30

**SUP**  
Consomme Epicure Chicken Gumbo

**FISH**  
Filets of Plaise Saute

**SALAD**  
Hearts of Celery Chicken Salad en Mayonnaise  
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**VEGETABLES**  
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**DESSERT**  
Apple Snow Pudding Chocolate Cream Pie  
Apple Pie Mince Pie Lemon Pie

### Important Meeting of Rural Municipality

HAIL INSURANCE APPROVED

\$30,000 FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENT

GOPHER POISON TO BE PROVIDED

Minutes of meeting held in the Municipal Office, March 4, 1913. Ole Christensen, Reeve, in the chair. Present: O. Christensen, John McLean, E. Green, A. Watson and J. Thompson.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The Secretary read communications from the C.P.R. and Minister of Public Works with reference to opening the road over the railway between Sec. 7-24-25 and Sec. 12-24-26. On motion of J. McLean the Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Minister of Public Works asking for an order for the opening of roads over the railway between Sec. 7 and 8-24-25 and Sec. 11 and 12-24-26.

At this point the Council adjourned for dinner.

Adjourned meeting called to order at 1.20 p.m.

On motion of A. Watson the Council decided to purchase strychnine for poisoning gophers and distribute same to ratepayers of the Municipality at the rate of one ounce to each quarter section. The offer of E. W. R. Lambert on behalf of the local drug stores to furnish strychnine of first quality to the Council at 80 cents per ounce was accepted. Mr. McLean, at Cherdale and Langdon, and Mr. Thompson, at Namaka, were authorized to make arrangements at above named places for the distribution of the poison in those districts. The Secretary was instructed to have orders printed and sent to each ratepayer, which upon presentation to parties named therein, will entitle them to the amount of strychnine that is ordered calls for. These orders are to have embodied therein a request from the Council that the users will as far as possible put this poison out on or about the 14th of April.

On motion of A. Watson the Council expressed themselves as being in favor of submitting a bylaw on hail insurance to the vote of the ratepayers, and later, said bylaw No. 1 was given its first and second readings.

On motion of E. E. Green the Council expressed themselves as being in favor of submitting a bylaw for the purpose of raising \$30,000 by issue of debentures, to a vote of the ratepayers, said debentures to be issued in two series \$15,000 in 1912 and \$15,000 in 1913, repayable in 20 years in 20 equal annual instalments together with the interest on unpaid portions of debentures each year. Proceeds of these debentures are to be used for building bridges, grading roads and purchasing machinery necessary for this work. Bylaw No. 2 being a bylaw for the issue of debentures for \$30,000 was later given its first and second readings.

Mr. Thompson brought up the question of sidewalks for Namaka and was informed by the Council that one half the taxes collected in Namaka could upon demand be used for such purpose.

On motion of E. E. Green the Council decided to borrow \$500 from Union Bank, for three months with which to meet debt taken over with the old L.D.D. 1274.

The Reeve and Sec.-Treas. were instructed to sign note for \$135 due Oct. 1st favor of the Western Municipal News Secretary of the Interior.

Fairbanks Co. as settlement for sale purchased from them through Mr. Chase.

The following accounts were ordered paid:

A. B. Clow	\$ 2.00
H. Middleton	15.00
Strathmore Standard	15.00
Western Municipal News	74.25
Secretary of the Interior	62.20
W. G. Way	62.20
Total	\$158.95

### LOCAL JOTTINGS

The piano contest is on the last lap now. Have you renewed your subscription yet? It means 1000 votes for some young lady.

Six people voted against the Parks Bylaw. We wonder what their reasons were. They were never expressed in public.

The weather has been very mild during the present week, and it would seem that spring has about arrived. Judging from the mud on the streets there should not be much doubt about it.

Seventeen sacks of catalogues from one mail order house arrived at the Post Office this week. Timothy E. does not think that advertising is a waste of money, and he knows a much about selling methods as anyone around this neighborhood.

Farmers should remember Mr. Stevens lecture and hog killing demonstrations next week.

The time is about ripe when Strathmore should have a 24-hour telephone service. There are now something like 80 phones connected up with the local exchange.

From the annual report of the Union Bank of Canada we note that the number of branches has increased from 39 in 1900 to 293 in 1912. Most of these branches are situated in Western Canada.

Last Sunday two young ladies connected with one of the local hotels left town in the afternoon, stating they were going for about an hour's drive in the country. As they did show up again after dark, it was feared that some accident had befallen them. Search parties were organized, and the last of them only returned about two o'clock in the morning. In the meantime the two ladies had driven back safely in the early evening, the explanation being that they had met some friends and had been entertained to supper in one of the farm homes of the district.

One of the oldest residents in Strathmore, Mr. Tom Swan, left on Monday for British Columbia, where he intends to reside permanently. He has been four years in Strathmore, in the employ of Mr. Frank Holes.

Mr. W. F. Grafton, one of the members of the C.P.I.D. engineering staff, left on Wednesday for Vancouver Island, where he intends going in for fruit farming beside the balmy breezes of the Pacific. Mrs. Grafton left on Saturday, but will spend some time with friends in Calgary before rejoining her husband at the coast.

The appeal in the famous "Flower Case" will be heard on April 14, at a sitting of the District Court to be held here. Judge Carpenter will probably preside.

A box social will be given in the basement of the Methodist Church on the 17th of March, the Fill-a-Gap society for the benefit of the piano fund.

Miss Mary Bush arrived back from the Old Country Wednesday.

Council adjourned to meet at Municipal Office on April 8th, at 11 o'clock a.m.

W. G. WAY, Sec.-Treas.



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Wire is a hobby with us. We know the breaking strength of every kind we carry and we know the reputation of the makers of the wire.

Every mesh and strand of our wire is superlatively good—guaranteed to stand the roughest wear. And the prices are reasonable.

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**FORMALDEHYDE and STRYCHNINE** (Whiffen's)  
Our price on these articles this season is **ROCK BOTTOM**  
And we will be glad to have you call and let us know your requirements  
**A. W. MILLER**  
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### CROWN LUMBER CO., LTD.

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## EXPLORE GREAT NORTH

STEFANSON WILL AGAIN GO TO ARCTIC CIRCLE

Exploring a Being Under a Commission From the Canadian Government, Stefansson Will Be Well Equipped to Carry on Work, and Will Explore Vast New Areas.

New York.—Viktorian Stefansson, discoverer of the great ice fields, made public his plans for the first year expedition which he plans to take to the Arctic next July. During this time he hopes to explore the vast and much of the white space of the far north.

Stefansson and his companions, who are to be joined by a party of twelve, will sail from Esquimaux, B.C., the major port of the Arctic, in July on the 24th in steam whaler Karluk, a new ship, purchased for the expedition by the Canadian Government. The Karluk now lies in St. Francis harbor; during the next ten days she will be overhauled and then to Esquimaux where she will be fitted up as a Government vessel.

From Esquimaux the expedition will carry the party as far north as the ice will permit. If the weather be fine and the wind be from the west, they expect in September to reach land somewhere in the Arctic circle. They will sail with a land party of twelve, and remain during the winter, but in the summer will be joined by the rest of the party. The expedition will be in the Arctic for three months, and will return to Esquimaux in the summer of 1925. The expedition will be in the Arctic for three months, and will return to Esquimaux in the summer of 1925.

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## DOES NOT SCHOOL TO IMPROVE SCHOOL MARCH

Albans Needs Teachers But No Whole-Sale Importation Intended, Says Minister

Edmonton.—The question of the importation of American teachers has been a live issue in Alberta for some time today as it was when Mr. Hamilton was in charge of the government of the Northwest Territories. It is true that there has been a demand for teachers that was more than met by the supply. Last year the province was 44 teachers short. It is a little early yet for me to get the figures for the year. The province has advertised its needs in the "Canadian Education" and has received a number of applications. The province has received a number of applications. The province has received a number of applications.

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## POWERS TO DEMOBILIZE

AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA WILL WITHDRAW TROOPS

An Amnesty Order on a Large Scale. The Austrian government has issued an amnesty order for all political prisoners and for all those who have been convicted of political crimes. The order is a significant step towards the demobilization of the Austrian army.

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## ANTARCTIC CLAIMS TWO MORE VICTIMS

Mason Party Lost Two of Its Members—Forecast to Spend Another Winter

Sydney, N.S.W.—Two members of the British expedition to the Antarctic have been killed. The expedition is led by Captain Scott and is currently in the Antarctic region. The expedition is currently in the Antarctic region.

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## THE MARKET REPORT

Weekly Grain Letter Supplied by Thompson, Bonn &amp; Co., Grain Merchants, Winnipeg

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SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1913

## Hail Insurance and Road Improvement

The Rural Municipality of Bow Valley, though only in the beginning of the year, has already set about some very important work, and will probably be able to do much of value for the district this year.

At their last meeting, the minutes of which appear in this issue, the Municipality approved the scheme of Municipal hail insurance, and the secretary was instructed to ascertain the views of other Municipalities on the matter. It requires a combination of 20 Municipalities to carry a municipal insurance scheme through. The scheme provides for the levying of an assessment, to cover the probable extent of damage by hail, on every ratepayer in the Municipality. In the event of the sum set aside not being sufficient an extra assessment will be made the following year. In the event of the assessment being larger than the amount actually necessary the amount unused will be carried over to the following year, and the assessment for that year thereby reduced. Insurance will thus be given practically at cost.

This system is a vast improvement over the former haphazard one, whereby a number of companies were in the business, charging high rates and not affording absolute security. Under the new system, also, the cost of hail insurance will be distributed over every acre in the twenty municipalities comprising the district, whether in crop or not, and the speculator will pay his share of the cost of hail insurance as well as the farmer who is increasing the value of all the land in the district, including the speculator's, by cultivating it. The tax will be a very small one, the cost of hail insurance will probably not be one-fourth of the present in-vogue tax rate, and in the previous years.

Another measure of great importance decided upon by the Municipality at their last meeting, was the adoption of a bylaw authorising the borrowing of a sum of \$30,000 for road improvement throughout the municipality. This amount will be spread over a period of two years, and the payment of interest and principal therefor over a period of twenty years. It is calculated that this can be done as cheaply as by spending the money raised in taxes every year on temporary road improvements that will not last long. Under the scheme proposed part of the taxes will be used to pay off the principal and interest on the loan, and there will be enough left to pay for administrative and other expenses without increasing the burden on the ratepayers.

Both of these schemes will come up for approval by the ratepayers later on, and further details will be given.

The annual convention of Alberta Agricultural Fairs Association was held at Edmonton, February 19, and 20, and were set for fairs throughout the province. In the circular issued by the Convention it is stated that at Strathmore and several other points dates for fairs will be set by the local associations. In Strathmore a local association was formed about two years ago, but they have never held a fair, though they had the promise of ground. It is something of a disgrace to Strathmore and the district generally. In Strathmore a local association was formed about two years ago, but they have never held a fair,

though they had the promise of ground if they went on with the scheme. It is something of a disgrace to Strathmore and the district surrounding that there has never been a fair held here, though places less than half the size have organised and held successful fairs. It would be a good thing if the U.F.A. and the Board of Trade would move in the matter. The holding of a fair would be of great advantage to the district, and would remove a reproach from our midst. Get busy on it now.

Mr G. Crawley arrived back from the Old Country Wednesday

Mr Hollingshead, of Valley City, North Dakota, who is interested in land in this district, was in town this week.

Mr E. W. Post attended the conference of Crown Lumber Co. managers held in Calgary this week.

Mrs A. W. Givrin will not receive Thursday, March 13

A 12lb boy was born to Mr and Mrs Charles County on Feb. 21

On Feb. 28 a daughter was born to Mr and Mrs O. R. Booth

The Lutheran Ladies Aid meeting will be held at Mrs. O. Wadman's on Thursday, March 13

Under the auspices of the Methodist Ladies Aid, the "Caledonian Entertainers" gave a concert in the Opera House on Thursday evening, which was largely attended and in every way successful.

Mrs R. M. Donaldson, Calgary, will sing at the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Shamrock Tea on March 17

See if you can figure out C. W. Chase's puzzle competition advert in another column

## Hog Raising, Killing, etc.

### LECTURE AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Strathmore Farmers Union, arranged with Mr. V. Stevens, live stock commissioner for the Province, to hold a lecture and demonstration for the benefit of the farmers of the district. This is the first series of lectures and demonstrations by the Union, and it is to be hoped there will be a large attendance to encourage the Union in its educational work. The evening lecture will be held in Strathmore on March 11, the subject being "Hog Raising and Feeding." The first demonstration on killing, dressing, curing, and using up by-products of the hog, will be given on the farm of Mr. A. P. Pachett, N.E. 1/4, 27-15, about 7 miles south of Strathmore, commencing at 10.30 a.m., March 12. The second demonstration will be on the same subject and will be held on the farm of Mr. A. J. Weyers, of the Dutch Colony, at the same hour, on March 13.

Mr Stevens is an excellent speaker and demonstrator, and much good will be got by attendance at the lecture and demonstrations.

## Every Active Candidate

### WILL BE VERY BUSY

Which is to say that they are going to break the records in the next twelve days. A lazy person finds the easiest way to break a record is to take a photograph and drop it. The energetic person drops nothing that he or she can take up to advantage. Suppose that you get out and pick up some of those subscriptions that are lying around loose. Make a record for yourself this way, and come out winner. Time for action, you candidates! Time for loyal support, you friends of candidates. Now is the opportune time to get a good start on the way to the big piano prizes, in this contest which the Trading Coy. and the Standard have inaugurated.

### SEND IN YOUR VOTES

The last week of the contest

there are certain to be an enormous number of votes turned in. The counting of these is going to be a big job for the judges, and they make the request that candidates who have a big number of votes to put in during the last week of the contest send them in to the contest manager some days prior to March 20, so that they can be checked up. No one but the manager will know the number of votes you are putting in until the ballots close on March 20, and you need have no fear in turning them in. They will be kept secret. Candidates will save the judges much time by doing this.

## "Get Your Canadian Home from the Canadian Pacific"

### WESTERN CANADA'S DAY

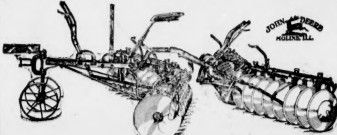
This has been referred to as Canada's Century. In Western Canada we use such general terms. This is Western Canada's century, decade, year, month, week and day. With the passing of each twenty-four hour period, new business blocks and houses are under construction, new lines of railway have pushed on a little further, and each day is brighter than the one preceding.

There is no safer or surer investment to-day than farm lands or town lots in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. If you wish your dollars to work every Western Canadian Day call on or address

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We want you to become acquainted with the harrow and what it will do for you. A harrow of superior merit, that is of long life and that saves your time in discing, is well worth your time to investigate. This harrow has many exclusive features, which have made it the most successful disc harrow sold.

### SAVES HALF YOUR TIME

In discing it is necessary to double disc in order to have the field left perfectly level. With a single disc harrow it takes two discings, taking a great deal of valuable time in a very busy season.

With the John Deere Double-Action Disc Harrow only one discing is necessary.

We want every farmer in our neighborhood to come in and see this harrow, to learn further of its superior points of merit.

H. J. ANDERSON, STRATHMORE

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### WITH THE BOW VALLEY SUPPLY CO.

If not, why not. They treat you right and give the best values possible. This week they are making a special inducement in

## BOOTS AND SHOES

of which they have a large stock. Come in and try them on. They are also offering good

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## HOW THE CANDIDATES

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2	May S. King	141050
3	Billy Jenkins	122572
4	John S. King	117057
5	Elizabeth Benz	116041
6	John S. King	103890
7	Ella Anderson	69835
8	John S. King	58990
9	Peggy Finch	56575
10	Clara Nelson	56120
11	Irwinville Jago	54015
12	Dorothy Crowley	49270
13	Edith Insley	47655
14	Ivy Lane	37500
15	Anna Nelson	36060
16	Jessie Bennett	30225
17	Harri Hayes	28505
18	Edna Anderson	27027
19	Eva Snyder	26145
20	Alice W.	24015
21	Bella Mangold	22945
22	Holbert McRae	18445
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## The Irrigation Dispute

PRESS COMMUNICATIONS  
FROM J. S. DENNIS  
AND HENRY SORENS-  
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### Mr. Dennis' Views

Speaking to a press representative regarding the trouble which has arisen with the owners of irrigable land in the western section of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company irrigation block, and the letter from the department of the interior relating thereto lately published to Mr. J. S. Dennis, assistant to the president of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, said:

"There are always two sides to every question, and now that the side of the settlers has been so thoroughly put forward in your paper, possibly the public may be interested in hearing something on the other side. The facts with reference to the other side are as follows:

### SETTLERS IN ARREARS

"In the western section of the irrigation block, within which irrigable land has been sold by the company, there are 1,630 contracts for the purchase of irrigable land, and the same number of agreements for the supplying of water for irrigation.

"Two hundred and thirty-nine settlers, supposed to be the holders of contracts for the purchase of irrigable land and water agreements, filed complaints with the Department of the Interior relating to the classification of the irrigable land.

"Of the 231 settlers who filed complaint, 18 are not the owners of irrigable land, seven are not the owners of land either irrigable or non-irrigable, and the number which were therefore entitled to file complaint is reduced to 213. Of the 213, 142 are in arrears in their land payments by the remaining 1424 holders of contracts for the purchase of irrigable land or water agreements.

"Of the 306 settlers who are entitled to file complaint with the government, as above mentioned, 191 are in arrears in their land payments and water rental to the company, these arrears extending from one to five years.

"When complaints first arose amongst the holders of contracts for the purchase of irrigable land, the company offered to undertake the reclassification, and to adjust the contract with the settler where it was shown that an improper classification had been made; and they have been carrying on this work for the past two years.

### WILLING TO RECLASSIFY

"Upon notification from the government of the filing of complaints the company intended that they were willing that the department should undertake the reclassification of all the land in the western section of the irrigation block provided a basis of classification was agreed upon so that there should be no dispute, and provided that the department would obtain an agreement from the settlers, had legal proceedings been taken to collect arrears, and that the company would abide by the reclassification as completed by the government.

"The settlers asked that the company should agree not to take any steps to collect the instalments of land payments and water rental in arrears or those that might accrue during the process of reclassification. The company were not able to agree to do this because it would prejudice their legal position under the contracts entered into with each settler for the purchase of his land and the supply of water for irrigation, but pointed out that the fact of their having allowed payments on land and water to stand in arrears for from one to five years, as above mentioned, the fact that they had supplied water to the livestock, and that the company's success in the project was dependent upon the success of the project, was ample proof that no drastic steps would be taken to collect arrears until the reclassification was completed; and further, if additional proof was required, the fact that in only two cases had legal proceedings been taken to collect arrears indicated the position of the company with reference to such arrears.

"The representative of the complaining settlers on the other hand, were not prepared to agree to any of these proposals, except that any reference to reclassification by the department officials.

### ALLEGED INCORRECT STATEMENT

"The statement made by the representative of the settlers, in his letter to them, that the minister of the interior stated that the company had no title to the water which was being supplied to settlers, is incorrect. The minister of the interior made no such statement, and the letter set out by the company shows that the company would continue the operation of the sys-

tem during the period of reclassification, and until the final decision is issued, together with the fact that every contract for the sale of water which has been entered into on a form, approved by the minister of the interior, and a copy of the same recorded in the department of the interior, would have been voided if it would be the minister of the interior to make such statement as credited to him."

### Mr. Sorensen's Answer

To the Editor, Strathmore Standard

Dear Sir—The Publicity Committee of the Farmers Combined Irrigation Committee have noticed that the press has stated that Mr. J. S. Dennis, Assistant to the Vice President of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, has handed out a statement to the press, giving his views regarding the grievances of the farmers in the Canadian Pacific Irrigation Block east of Calgary.

Mr. Dennis is endeavoring to clear himself of his responsibilities in connection with the heavy losses and the ruin which his land sale scheme, and the misrepresentations in connection therewith have brought about amongst the farmers in this so-called irrigation block.

Mr. Dennis is endeavoring to make out that there is a large group of dissatisfied farmers. In so doing he is classifying these farmers as a large portion of the resident speculators to whom he has also sold these lands. The Publicity Committee is aware of the fact that men, whilst holding positions as officers in the C.P.R. Irrigation Block, have been largely interested in companies which bought lands of the C.P.R. on speculation for resale to settlers coming in. It is the duty of the Publicity Committee of these C.P.R. officers, interested in these land selling companies, had the opportunity of directing of settlers coming in to buy C.P.R. land attracted by the luring advertisements which the C.P.R. Irrigation Department published throughout the world. Those companies which have added to the wealth of the community several hundred thousand dollars.

Now we come to the business men, attempting to use our brains instead of our muscles to reap hands and muscle, we should take a serious survey of what is liable to happen to the best of the business men have three years hence and prepare for the outcome.

Our War Cry for the past four years has been "Let's feed the world crop!" I believe we can compete with pork producers in any country.

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taken into consideration the additional high charge upon the lands and the yearly water tax.

The publicity committee repudiates the statement of Mr. Dennis that he and his officers have been due consideration to the farmers. If the right kind of consideration had been shown to the farmers all those farms which are now vacant might have had industrious settlers. The number of vacant farms is steadily increasing.

On the other hand the publicity committee fully appreciates that Mr. Dennis is responsible for this irrigation scheme it is very difficult to get an equitable settlement through Mr. Dennis. He would first have to admit his failure. If there are any further statements that Mr. Dennis might wish to make the publicity committee would much appreciate if Mr. Dennis would provide further discussion in the press.

HENRY SORENSEN,  
Chairman Farmers Combined Irrigation and Publicity Committee  
Strathmore, Alta., March, 1913

## Pork Packing Plant

### Communicated

About three years ago a proposition was put up to the farmers of Alberta by the Provincial government which provided that should the farmers agree to raise a certain number of hogs the Government would install a suitable packing plant.

To this proposal the farmers made together a feeble response. The wisdom of this reply can be easily detected by the fact that "Our back sight is much keener than our foresight." All the people who are doing badly in the hog raising business today would not admit of comparison at all. Should the farmers of Strathmore district have been able to have marketed even one year crop through the medium of this domestic animal business which would have added to the wealth of the community several hundred thousand dollars.

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## University Lecture

Owing to slight illness, President Tory has been compelled to cancel his outside engagements for some time, and for that reason the sixth and last of the University of Alberta Extension Lectures to be given in Strathmore on March 11th will be delivered by Dr. Allen, Professor of Geology in the University of Alberta, on the subject "The Origin of the Earth, and the First Chapter in Geological History."

The lecture will be given with reference to the origin of the earth which have been held in time past in popular illustration, and an exceedingly interesting evening is assured all who hear the lecture.

The theory which is held by the majority of geologists of the present day will also be developed. This lecture is closely related to the one given by Dr. Allen some weeks ago and deals with an earlier period in geological history. A large number of lantern slides will be used in illustration, and an exceedingly interesting evening is assured all who hear the lecture.

## SAVINGS DEPOSITS

Average to Each Depositor Highest in Protected Countries

One of the surest tests of prosperity of a country is the savings bank deposits of its people. Agriculture is the basis of the Canadian economy, and conditions are not sound, it will be reflected in the savings of the people. The following table shows the amount on deposit in the savings banks of Great Britain and foreign countries.

Capita United King., 1907 \$1,048,268,260 \$ 84  
France ..... 1905 1,091,250,168 118  
Belgium ..... 1905 155,739,169 63  
France ..... 1905 674,872,250 78  
Denmark ..... 1905 124,353,000 82  
Netherlands ..... 1905 92,561,665 88  
Russia ..... 1906 96,014,230 171  
Sweden ..... 1905 120,312,318 98  
Norway ..... 1906 112,068,361 130  
Denmark ..... 1906 231,747,446 171  
United States 1907 8,791,260,875 441

It will be seen that the savings deposits in the United States are more than double those in any other country. These countries in which the average savings to each depositor exceeds \$100 have enjoyed rapid protection in some extent. In the United States, where tariff walls are built the high, the average to each depositor in the savings banks was \$441. The average in the Netherlands, where the protectionist has had a hard fight and has not always won, is low. While the tariff is not the only consideration in relation to savings, the above figure shows that where protection has been stable the average savings has been highest.

## BUTTER AND EGGS

Alberta Should and Could be Exporters Instead of Importers

Edmonton claims the distinction of having within its confines the largest buttery in the world. The Butter of the Edmonton City Dairy, of which W. W. Prevel is president, has an output of 1,500,000 pounds of butter for the twelve months ended Oct. 22. Several years ago, Mr. Prevel said, we shipped butter to points in Ontario and Quebec, receiving from 14 to 16 cents a pound in carload lots, but Edmonton has grown so rapidly that we are now obliged to import dairy products. We have brought in 24 cars of 20,000 pounds each in the last year, the bulk of this coming from Minnesota, while a local packing plant has imported 18 cars in 12 months. Our farmers are not producing sufficient eggs and milk to supply half of the demand. We could and should be exporters of these products instead of importers. The P.C.R. has offered to be the latter until our farmers break away from the single crop idea. I could handle the products of 5,000 additional cows and I believe I am doing it. The figures show I am right. There is room for 5,000 additional cows in the province. The government is forcing the present market quotations a penny. We need more and more practical dairy farmers; we need men who understand the business and who have several thousand dollars and a correspondence school dairy education. There is room for thousands of them in this district who can be trained by the government. Land for dairy purposes is comparatively cheap and every variety of grain, including clover and alfalfa, thrives with abundant water and cattle can be grazed the major part of the year. Why, more than 1,000,000 cattle could have been fed on the wild hay that was cut in this year.

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